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Examiner: Trettel  
Group: 3508  
Docket No: XXVS-14J

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Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed November 14, 1997, in the subject application.

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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 14, 1997 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendment A

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A leg holder system for simultaneous positioning in [the] an abduction dimension and a lithotomy dimension comprising:

a support device, having a longitudinal axis, for

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